

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-25 (Cancelled)

26. (New) A method of treating a hypertensive subject having a normal to above normal plasma renin activity level comprising:

- A. administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take a low dose of an R drug;
- B. after step A, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the R drug;
- C. after step B, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take, instead of the R drug, a low dose of a V drug; and
- D. after step C, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the V drug,

wherein said subject had been taking at least one anti-hypertensive drug prior to measuring the normal to above normal plasma renin activity level and wherein said method does not require the subject to discontinue use of the at least one anti-hypertensive drug prior to measuring the normal to above normal plasma renin activity level.

27. (New) A method of treating a hypertensive subject having a normal to below normal plasma renin activity level comprising:

- A. administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take a low dose of an V drug;
- B. after step A, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the V drug;
- C. after step B, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take, instead of the V drug, a low dose of a R drug; and
- D. after step C, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the R drug,

wherein said subject had been taking at least one anti-hypertensive drug prior to measuring the normal to below normal plasma renin activity level and wherein said method does not require the subject to discontinue use of the at least one anti-hypertensive drug prior to measuring the normal to below normal plasma renin activity level.

28. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the normal plasma renin level is about 0.65 ng/ml/hr.

29. (New) The method of claims 27, wherein the normal plasma renin level is about 0.65 ng/ml/hr.